

§ 153A-248. Health-related appropriations.

(a) A county may appropriate revenues not otherwise limited as to use by law:

- (1) To a licensed facility for the mentally retarded, whether publicly or privately owned, to assist in maintaining and developing facilities and treatment, if the board of commissioners determines that the care offered by the facility is available to residents of the county. The facility need not be located within the county.
- (2) To a sheltered workshop or other private, nonprofit, charitable organization offering work or training activities to the physically or mentally handicapped, and may otherwise assist such an organization.
- (3) To an orthopedic hospital, whether publicly or privately owned, to assist in maintaining and developing facilities and treatment, if the board of commissioners determines that the care offered by the hospital is available to residents of the county. The hospital need not be located within the county.
- (4) To a training center or other private, nonprofit, charitable organization offering education, treatment, rehabilitation, or developmental programs to the physically or mentally handicapped, and may otherwise assist such organizations; provided, however, such action shall be with the concurrence of the county board of education; and provided, further, that within 30 days after receipt of the request for concurrence, the county board of education shall notify the board of county commissioners whether it concurs, and should it fail to so notify the board of county commissioners within such period, it shall be deemed to have concurred.

(b) The ordinance making the appropriation shall state specifically what the appropriation is to be used for, and the board of commissioners shall require that the recipient account for the appropriation at the close of the fiscal year. (1967, cc. 464, 1074; 1969, c. 802; 1973, c. 822, s. 1; 1977, c. 474; 1979, c. 1074, s. 2.)